

The Federal Communications Commission
ATTN: Mr. Powell, Chairman

Dear Sir,

I am writing to protest the showing of Stolen Honor by the Sinclair Group. I urge you, in the name of maintaining our free press, to stop the Sinclair Group from forcing it's affiliates to run that film. If Sinclair can force his affiliates to run the movie; then they are no longer free.

It is not news, it is not a documentary, it is slandering Mr. Kerry.

The Sinclair Group is using the airwaves to promote a political candidate. That is not right and it is against the law.

They denigrate Kerry for his wartime service. That really upsets me. I am a Purple Heart Vietnam Veteran with twelve months service as an Army helicopter gunship pilot. I know from experience that individuals do not nominate themselves for medals. Some other person has to do the initial paperwork and then it has to be approved by the next two levels of command above the individual that was nominated. So, the medals Kerry was awarded are based on merit and are deserved. Sinclair is bashing all Vietnam Veterans when he allows innuendos, half truths and lies to be put on the air waves that tear down a fellow veteran. Mr. Powell you can stop this, I urge you to do so.

The Sinclair Group and affiliates are a disservice to the public and the communities they serve by running this obviously political castration of a candidate. I do mean those last few words. They are trying to destroy John Kerry. That does nothing to serve their communities. You know as well as I do that all broadcast media has an obligation to serve their communities in a fair and unbiased manner. The Sinclair Group and it's affiliates are breaking that commitment and law that governs. Just because someone has a different view, as did the Reverend Martin Luther King, does not mean they should be destroyed; in the media or with a bullet. Mr. Powell, you need to do something about this.

I ask you to consider if the shoe was on the other foot? What if Bush was castigated for his lack of service in the Vietnam War by 30-40 TV stations? How would you feel, would you allow that to happen?

A free press that asks hard questions and reports the results is the only way this nation has for keeping the politicians, business and the government honest. We must support that in every way we can. Our democracy depends on it.

Mr. Powell, you are in a unique position to help ensure this great democracy continues to live on and prosper. You have an obligation and a responsibility

to carry out the duties of your office for and in behalf of all citizens. I hope you can see your way clear to do that. I urge you to stop the showing of Stolen Valor on the stations and affiliates of the Sinclair Group.

Sincerely,

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